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101/405 VENTURA BOULEVARD OFF-RAMP WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

SHERMAN OAKS – State and local officials and members of the local community celebrated the imminent re-opening of the northbound I-405 Ventura Boulevard off-ramp today at a ceremony held on the ramp.

The off-ramp, closed since early July as part of the 101/405 interchange improvement project, will re-open early Wednesday morning, one month ahead of schedule.

“Opening the off-ramp before Thanksgiving is truly something to be thankful for,” said California Department of Transportation District Director Doug Failing. “Caltrans is very happy to restore convenient access for motorists to the Sherman Oaks area.”

The \$46 million project, started in April 2005, extends the auxiliary lane on northbound I-405, closes the loop on-ramp from eastbound Ventura Boulevard and reconfigures the Sepulveda Boulevard on-ramp to provide improved connections to U.S. 101 and I-405.

The next project milestone will be the re-opening of the Sepulveda/Greenleaf on-ramp to the U.S. 101 connector, expected in summer 2006. The Sepulveda/Greenleaf on-ramp to northbound I-405 is estimated to open in spring 2007, with project completion anticipated for summer 2007.

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